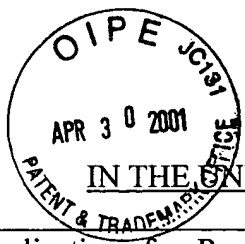


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Applicants herein make available to the Patent and Trademark Office copies of the documents:

- ☒ listed on enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A/B (Formerly PTO-1449), in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2); and
- ☐ listed on enclosed copies of Forms PTO-1449, PTO-892 or PTO/SB/08A/B, which forms recited the application information for applications to which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, but have been edited to indicate the current application data. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), NO COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ENCLOSED. The prior applications that provide the source of these documents are:

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The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of this application. It is believed that the Examiner will concur with Applicant's belief that the foregoing references do not adversely affect the patentability of the subject matter presently claimed, taken alone or in combination.

It is requested that the listed references be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application.

Under 37 CFR 1.97(i), Applicants understand that non-complying Information Disclosure Statements will be placed in the file but not considered by the Office, however, under Reply to Comment 8 of the Federal Register, page 2024, Applicants will be informed when information is not considered.

(1) **This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:**

- ☒ within three months of the filing date of the patent application.
- ☐ within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 of the international application.
- ☐ **before** the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- ☐ **after** the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 CFR 1.116 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, and accordingly is accompanied by:
- ☐ the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement" below);
- or**
- ☐ the Fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p); or
- ☐ No fee is owed by the applicants.
- ☐ **after** the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 CFR 1.116 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, and accordingly is accompanied by the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), a Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Petition Fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) (see "Statement," "Petition," and "Fees" below).

(2) **Statement**

- ☐ The **undersigned attorney** hereby states that each item information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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*The person making the statement is:*

- ☐ the inventor(s) who sign(s) below:

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**or**

- ☐ a person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application, and who is associated with the inventor(s), or with the assignee, or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application (37 CFR 1.565(c)) and who signs below:

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**or**

- ☒ the undersigned agent who signs on the basis of the information:
- ☒ supplied by the inventor(s).
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(3) **Petition**

- ☐ Applicants hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner to consider the references listed in this Information Disclosure Statement and on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A and 08B (Formerly PTO-1449), in the examination of the above-identified patent application. *(This box checked only if a Final Office Action has issued)*

(4) **Fees**

- ☒ **No Fee** is owed by the applicants.
- ☐ **The IDS Fee** of \$180.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ **The Petition Fee** of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) is enclosed herewith.

(5) **Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$240.00.
- ☐ Charge Account No. 04-0480 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (A duplicate of this request is attached).

(6) **Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

- ☒ If any additional fees are owed in connection with this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0480.

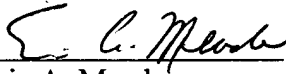
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Respectfully submitted,

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